

**Abstract**—The purpose of this study was to determine if there were differences in the prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders among different types of jobs. The subjects were 600 employees from a large manufacturing company who had been employed at least one year. They completed a questionnaire about their work activities and symptoms of musculoskeletal disorders. The results showed that the prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders was higher among workers in jobs that required heavy lifting, repetitive motions, and awkward postures than among workers in jobs that did not require these activities. These findings suggest that job design interventions aimed at reducing the physical demands of work may help to prevent musculoskeletal disorders.

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